

13. Suppose  $x \propto y$  and  $y \propto z$ . When  $x = 5$ ,  $y = 22$ . When  $y = 7$ ,  $z = 8$ . Find  $x : z$ . (4 marks)
14.  $z$  varies directly as  $x^3$  and inversely as  $y^2$ . Find the percentage change in  $z$  when  $x$  is decreased by 10% and  $y$  is doubled. (4 marks)
15.  $z$  varies directly as  $x$  and  $y^2$ . Find the percentage change in  $z$  when  $x$  is decreased by 5% and  $y$  is increased by 20%. (4 marks)
16. Suppose  $z$  varies directly as  $x$  and inversely as  $y^3$ . Find the percentage change in  $y$  when  $x$  is increased by 305% and  $z$  is increased by 20%. (4 marks)
17. The following table shows the relationship between the value \$ $V$  of a machine and the number of hours  $h$  it operated in the past.
- |     |      |      |     |     |
|-----|------|------|-----|-----|
| $h$ | 10   | 40   | 80  | 120 |
| $V$ | 6000 | 1500 | 750 | 500 |
- (a) It is known that  $V \propto h^n$ , where  $n$  is an integer. Find the value of  $n$ .  
 (b) Hence find the value of the machine which operated for 50 hours. (5 marks)
18. The weight  $W$  g of a wooden sphere is directly proportional to the cube of its radius  $r$  cm. It is known that a sphere of radius 8 cm weighs 409.6 g. If the wooden sphere is cut such that its radius is reduced to 6 cm, find the change in its weight. (4 marks)
19. The number of days  $t$  needed to complete a job is inversely proportional to the number of workers  $N$ . It is known that the job can be completed within 9 days if 12 workers participate.  
 (a) Express  $t$  in terms of  $N$ .  
 (b) If the job must be completed within 7 days, what is the minimum number of workers needed? (4 marks)
20. The volume  $V$  cm<sup>3</sup> of a metal cone varies directly as the square of its base radius  $r$  cm and its height  $h$  cm. Find the percentage change in the volume if the base radius is increased by 10% and the height is increased by 20%. (4 marks)
21. The time  $t$  seconds for the communication between two stations, station  $A$  and station  $B$ , varies directly as the distance  $d$  m between the two stations. When the two stations are 0.6 km apart,  $t = 0.03$  s.  
 (a) Express  $d$  in terms of  $t$ .  
 (b) If station  $B$  is moved 0.1 km further away from  $A$ , find the extra time taken for communication. (4 marks)

### Section A(2)

22. It is known that  $y$  is the sum of two parts. The first part varies directly as  $x$  and the second part varies directly as  $x^2$ . When  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 5$ ; when  $x = 3$ ,  $y = 21$ .  
 (a) Express  $y$  in terms of  $x$ . (3 marks)  
 (b) Find  $y$  when  $x = -1$ . (1 mark)  
 (c) Find  $x$  when  $y = -4$ . (2 marks)

Reference: HKDSE 13Q11

For Q.23–Q.24, use the graph papers provided on P.337.

23. Suppose  $y$  varies directly as  $x^2$  where  $x > 0$ . The following table shows some values of  $x$  and the corresponding values of  $y$ .

$x$	1	3	4	5	6
$y$	0.25	2.25	4	6.25	9

- (a) Find the variation constant. (3 marks)  
 (b) Plot the graph of  $y$  against  $x$  for  $1 \leq x \leq 6$ . (2 marks)  
 (c) From the graph, find  $x$  when  $y = 2$ . (Give the answer correct to 1 decimal place.) (1 mark)

24.  $N$  partly varies directly as  $M$  and partly varies directly as the square of  $M$ . The following shows some values of  $M$  and the corresponding values of  $N$ .

$M$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$N$	4	7	9	10	10	9

- (a) Express  $N$  in terms of  $M$ . (3 marks)  
 (b) Plot the graph of  $N$  against  $M$  for  $1 \leq M \leq 6$ . (2 marks)  
 (c) Hence find the value of  $M$  such that  $N$  attains its maximum value. Use the result to find the maximum value of  $N$ . (2 marks)

Reference: HKCEE 01Q13

25. It is known that  $x^2 : (y + 1) = 2 : 3$ .  
 (a) Find  $y$  if  $x = 5$ . (2 marks)  
 (b) Cathy said that  $y$  is partly constant and partly varies as  $x$ . Is she correct? Explain your answer. (2 marks)  
 (c) Find the value(s) of  $x$  such that  $x = y$ . (3 marks)

26.  $f(x)$  is partly constant and partly varies directly as  $x^4$ . When  $x = 3$ ,  $f(x) = 130$ ; when  $x = 4$ ,  $f(x) = 480$ .  
 (a) Find  $f(x)$ . (3 marks)  
 (b) Hence factorize  $f(x)$ . (3 marks)

27. Suppose that  $(y + 3)$  is directly proportional to  $\sqrt{x}$  where  $x > 0$ . When  $y = 35$ ,  $x = 16$ .  
 (a) Express  $x$  in terms of  $y$ . (3 marks)  
 (b) If  $x$  is an integer, what is the least possible value of  $x$  when  $y > 92$ ? (3 marks)

28.  $z$  is partly constant and partly varies inversely as  $x^2$ , where  $x > 0$ . When  $x = 10$ ,  $z = 8.5$ ; when  $x = 15$ ,  $z = 6$ .
- Express  $z$  in terms of  $x$ . (3 marks)
  - What happens to  $z$  when the value of  $x$  becomes very large? Explain your answer. (2 marks)
  - Sketch the graph of  $z$  against  $x$  for  $x > 0$ . (2 marks)
29.  $y$  is partly constant and partly varies directly as  $(x + 1)^2$ . When  $x = -3$ ,  $y = -48$ ; when  $x = 2$ ,  $y = -28$ .
- Express  $y$  in terms of  $x$ . (3 marks)
  - Show that  $y$  also varies jointly as  $(x + 5)$  and  $(x - 3)$ . (2 marks)
  - Find the value of  $x$  when  $y = 192$ . (2 marks)
30.  $z$  varies jointly as  $x$  and  $y^2$ . When  $x = 1$  and  $y = 5$ ,  $z = 100$ .
- Find  $y$  when  $x = 2$  and  $z = 8$ . (3 marks)
  - If  $x$  decreases by 18% and  $z$  decreases by 10%, find the percentage change in  $y$ . (3 marks)  
(Give the answer correct to 3 significant figures.)
31.  $x$  varies inversely as  $y^3$  and  $z$  varies inversely as  $y$ , where  $x, y, z > 0$ . It is known that when  $x = 2$ ,  $z = 4$ .
- Express  $x$  in terms of  $z$ . (4 marks)
  - If  $x$  decreases by 27.1%, find the percentage change in  $z$ . (3 marks)
32.  $g(x)$  varies partly as  $x$  and partly as  $x^3$ . When  $x = 2$ ,  $g(x) = 24$ ; when  $x = 3$ ,  $g(x) = 21$ .
- Find  $g(x)$ . (3 marks)
  - Let  $h(x) = g(x) + 45$ .
    - Prove that  $x - 5$  is a factor of  $h(x)$ .
    - Hence factorize  $h(x)$ . (4 marks)
- Reference: HKCEE 05Q10
33. The area  $A \text{ cm}^2$  of gold coating needed for a figurine is the sum of two parts, one part varies directly as the length of the figurine  $l \text{ cm}$ , the other part varies directly as  $l^2$ , where  $3 < l < 10$ . When the length is 4 cm, the area is  $16 \text{ cm}^2$ , when the length is 8 cm, the area is  $24 \text{ cm}^2$ .
- Express  $A$  in terms of  $l$ . (3 marks)
  - The area of gold coating for a new figurine is  $21 \text{ cm}^2$ . Find the length of the figurine. (3 marks)
  - The company produces a mini figurine which is similar to the new figurine for their customers as souvenir. If the length of the mini figurine is 2 cm, find the area of the gold coating. (2 marks)
- Reference: HKCEE 02Q11
34. The cost  $\$C$  of making a figure of volume  $V \text{ cm}^3$  is the sum of two parts, one part is a constant and the other part varies as  $V$ . When  $V = 10$ ,  $C = 600$ ; when  $V = 16$ ,  $C = 900$ .
- Find the cost of the figure when its volume is  $23 \text{ cm}^3$ . (4 marks)
  - There is a larger figure which is similar to the figure stated in (a). It is known that the total surface area is 3 times more than the figure in (a). Find the cost of making the larger figure. (2 marks)
- Reference: HKDSE 12Q11

35. The body mass index (BMI)  $x$  of a person varies jointly as his/her weight  $W \text{ kg}$  and inversely as the square of his/her height  $h \text{ m}$ . The BMI of a person of height 1.5 m and weight 54 kg is 24.
- Express  $x$  in terms of  $h$  and  $W$ . (2 marks)
  - When  $x \leq 18.5$ , the person is considered to be underweighting; on the other hand, when  $x \geq 25$ , the person is considered to be overweighting.
    - For a person of height 170 cm, find his/her minimum weight such that he/she is overweighting.
    - Tommy is 162 cm tall and his weight is 70 kg. Is Tommy overweighting? Explain your answer. (4 marks)
36. The cost  $\$C$  of making a cake is partly constant and partly varies inversely as the number of cakes  $N$  made. If 20 cakes are made, the unit cost is  $\$17$ , if 30 cakes are made, the unit cost is  $\$15.4$ .
- Express  $C$  in terms of  $N$ . (3 marks)
  - If 40 cakes are made and they are sold at  $\$25$  each, find the total profit made. (2 marks)
  - Find the minimum number of cakes made such that the unit cost is at most  $\$13$ . (2 marks)
37. A DVD rental store offers two schemes for their customers. The following table shows the details of the schemes:
- | Scheme A   | Scheme B   |
|--|--|
| Rental fee varies directly with the number of DVDs borrowed. | Rental fee is partly constant and partly varies directly with the number of DVDs borrowed. |
- Frankie joined Scheme A and the rental fee for 5 DVDs is  $\$60$ . On the other hand, Maggie joined Scheme B and the rental fees for 4 DVDs and 5 DVDs are  $\$56$  and  $\$64$  respectively.
- Find the amount one has to pay if he/she joins Scheme B and borrows 7 DVDs. (3 marks)
  - Jacky has borrowed  $x$  DVDs and the rental fees are the same for both schemes. Find  $x$ . (3 marks)
  - The manager of the store wants to promote a “borrow 3 get 1 free” discount for both scheme. If a customer wants to borrow 9 DVDs, which scheme should he/she choose? Explain your answer. (2 marks)
38. A cannonball is launched vertically upwards from a cannon on the ground. The height  $h \text{ m}$  of the cannonball from the ground at  $t$  seconds after launching is partly proportional to  $t$  and partly proportional to  $t^2$ . When  $t = 4$  and  $t = 7$ , the cannonball is 80 m and 35 m above the ground respectively.
- Express  $h$  in terms of  $t$ . (3 marks)
  - Find the time when the cannonball lands on the ground. (2 marks)
  - A helicopter is located 120 m vertically above the cannon. Can the cannonball hit the helicopter? Explain your answer. (3 marks)

**Section B**

39. It is known that  $X$  is the sum of two parts, one part is a constant and the other part varies directly as  $t$ .

When  $t = 5$ ,  $X = 11$ ; when  $t = 2$ ,  $X = 5$ .

(a) Find  $t$  when  $X = 7$ .

(4 marks)

**NF** (b) If  $X + 3 = \log y$ , express  $y$  in terms of  $t$ .

(2 marks)

**NF** 40.  $y$  is partly constant and partly varies directly as  $\log x$ . When  $x = 0.1$ ,  $y = -1$ ; when  $x = 100$ ,  $y = 5$ .

(a) Express  $y$  in terms of  $x$ .

(3 marks)

(b) It is known that  $y \propto \log px^2$ , where  $p$  is a constant. Using the result of (a), find the value of  $p$ .

(2 marks)

**NF** 41.  $P$  varies partly as  $\sqrt{x}$  and partly varies inversely as  $y$ . When  $x = 2$  and  $y = 10$ ,  $P = 18$ . When  $x = 8$  and  $y = 16$ ,  $P = 14$ .

(a) Express  $P$  in terms of  $x$  and  $y$ .

(3 marks)

(b) Suppose  $x = 18$  and  $y = 20$ . If  $y$  is increased by 20%, find the percentage change in  $x$  such that  $P$  remains unchanged. (Give the answer correct to 3 significant figures.)

(4 marks)

42. Suppose  $y$  varies partly as  $x$  and partly as  $\frac{1}{x+2}$ , where  $x > 0$ . When  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 0$ ; when  $x = 3$ ,  $y = 8$ .

(a) Express  $y$  in terms of  $x$ .

(3 marks)

**NF** (b) If  $x$  is an integer such that  $y < 20$ , find the possible values of  $x$ .

Reference: HKCEE 04Q10

(4 marks)

**NF** 43. It is given that  $z$  varies jointly as  $2^x$  and  $3^y$ . When  $x = 5$  and  $y = -1$ ,  $z = 224$ .

(a) Express  $z$  in terms of  $x$  and  $y$ .

(3 marks)

(b) If  $z = 21$ , find  $\frac{x}{y}$ .

(4 marks)

**NF** 44. (a) Solve the equation  $x^2 - 9x + 8 = 0$ .

(2 marks)

$y$  is partly constant and partly varies as  $x^n$ , where  $n$  is an integer greater than zero. The following table shows some values of  $x$  and the corresponding values of  $y$ .

$x$	1	2	3	4	5
$y$	-8	20	96	244	488

(b) By using the result in (a), express  $y$  in terms of  $x$ .

(5 marks)

**NF** 45. It is known that  $\log y$  is partly constant and partly varies directly as  $x$ .

(a) Show that  $y$  varies directly as  $a^x$ , where  $a$  is a constant.

(3 marks)

(b) Given that  $a > 0$ . If  $y = 10$  when  $x = 1$  and  $y = 40$  when  $x = 3$ , express  $y$  in terms of  $x$ .

(3 marks)

(c) Sketch the graph of  $\log y$  against  $x$ .

(2 marks)

46. The cooling ability  $C$  units of a fan of size  $l$  cm is the sum of two parts, one part varies as  $l$  and the other part varies as the square of  $l$ . When  $l = 30$ ,  $C = 1200$ ; when  $l = 40$ ,  $C = 800$ .

(a) Express  $C$  in terms of  $l$ .

(3 marks)

(b) At which size will the fan lose all of its cooling ability?

(2 marks)

**NF** (c) Find the range of values of  $l$  when  $C > 1050$ .

(3 marks)

**NF** (d) Find the greatest possible cooling ability and the corresponding size of the fan.

(3 marks)

Reference: HKCEE 06Q15

47. The time  $h$  hours required to finish a task is partly constant and partly varies inversely as the number of workers  $n$ . When  $n = 10$ ,  $h = 210$ ; when  $n = 30$ ,  $h = 170$ .

(a) Find the time required to finish the task if 5 workers participate.

(4 marks)

**NF** (b) The planner of the task wants to speed up the progress such that it will be finished within 140 hours. Is it possible? Explain your answer.

(2 marks)

The salary  $\$S$  of each worker working on a task varies directly with the time  $h$  hours spent on the task.

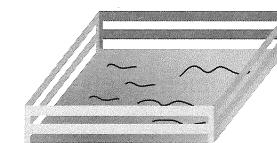
When a worker spends 170 hours on the task, he receives  $\$10\,200$ .

(c) (i) Express  $S$  in terms of  $h$ .

(ii) If the total salary given to all workers working on a task is  $\$936\,000$ , find the number of workers working on the task.

(5 marks)

48. In the figure, fences are built around a square-shaped garden for protection. The cost  $\$C$  for building the fence is the sum of two parts, one part is constant and the other part varies directly as the total length  $l$  m of the fence. When  $l = 80$ ,  $C = 8600$ ; when  $l = 100$ ,  $C = 10\,600$ .



(a) Express  $C$  in terms of  $l$ .

(3 marks)

(b) What is the area of the square garden if the cost of setting up fences is  $\$7600$ ?

(3 marks)

(c) Find the cost in building the fence if the fence is 120 m long.

(2 marks)

(d) If the cost in (c) is doubled, what is the percentage change in the area of the garden?

(3 marks)

49. (a) Let  $f(x) = x^3 - 7x + 6$ .

(i) Show that  $x - 1$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ .

(ii) Hence, or otherwise, factorize  $f(x)$ .

(4 marks)

(b) Let  $\$P$  be the profit in selling a certain product and  $w$  kg be the weight of the product. It is known that  $P$  varies partly as  $w^3$  and partly as  $w$ . When  $w = 10$ ,  $P = 15\,810$ ; when  $w = 5$ ,  $P = 1530$ .

(i) Express  $P$  in terms of  $w$ .

(ii) Find the weight of the product such that no profit or loss can be made by selling it.

(iii) Using (a)(ii), or otherwise, find the value(s) of  $w$  such that a loss of  $\$102$  is made by selling it.

(7 marks)